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The Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-138692, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-284096, and United States Patent No. 4,968,566 referred to in the attached PTO Form 1449 are noted in the specification at pages 3, 5, and 6.

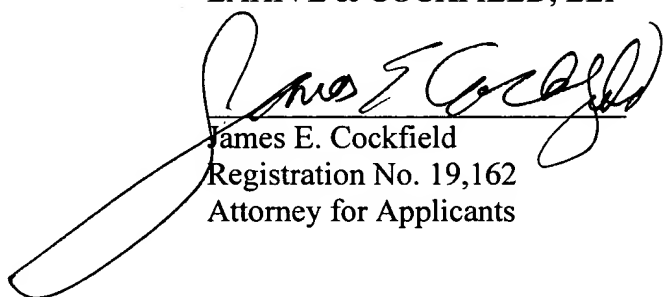
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